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SUBJECT: US-USSR HOUSING AGREEMENT: NEW TOWNS (10.06) SEISMIC  
CONSTRUCTION (10.04): TASHKENT REPORTED TO COME  
THROUGH EARTHQUAKE UNSCATHED

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1. IN RESPONSE TO SCIOFF QUERY, TARENTYEV OF GOSSTROY MAY 19 ADVISED THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE UZBEK GOSSTROY IN TASHKENT, THERE HAS BEEN "NO DAMAGE" IN TASHKENT FROM MAY 17 CENTRAL ASIAN EARTHQUAKE WHICH REPORTEDLY REGISTERED AS HIGH AS 7.2 ON RICHTER SCALE. (ACCORDING TO TASS, FORCE OF 5 ON SOVIET SCALE OF 12 WAS REGISTERED IN TASHKENT, 6 OR MORE IN SAMARKAND.)

2. TARENTYEV STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT ONLY DAMAGE IN TASHKENT VICINITY WAS TO SMALL, SINGLE-STORY, SINGLE-UNIT DWELLINGS BUILT IN TRADITIONAL UZBEK STYLE AND THAT THIS DAMAGE OCCURRED IN AREAS AT SOME DISTANCE FROM TASHKENT PROPER. HE STRESSED THAT THERE HAS BEEN QUOTE ABSOLUTELY NO DAMAGE END QUOTE TO ANY OF THE CONSTRUCTION WHICH HAS GONE UP IN TASHKENT SINCE 1966 EARTHQUAKE.

3. SCIOFF ALSO ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION HAD SUFFERED ANY DAMAGE. TARENTYEV REPLIED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC WORD ON SUBWAY, BUT THAT HE PRESUMED THAT THE GENERAL  
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INFORMATION OF "NO DAMAGE" APPLIED TO SUBWAY AS WELL.

4. MEMBERS OF US NEW TOWN WORKING GROUP DELEGATION HEADED BY DAVID MEEKER, WHICH VISITED TASHKENT IN FEBRUARY 1976, MAY BE INTERESTED IN ABOVE INFORMATION. MEMBERS US WORKING GROUP ON SEISMIC CONSTRUCTION WILL, OF COURSE, PURSUE MATTER WITH POLYAKOV DELEGATION ON CONSTRUCTION IN SEISMIC AREAS WHICH DEPARTS FOR US MAY 25.

5. SHOULD HOUSING AGREEMENT GROUP(S) WISH MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON EARTHQUAKE AND ITS EFFECTS ON CONSTRUCTION, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT LETTER FROM MEEKER OR THIEL GOSSTROY MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. BREMENT

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